

Montgomery Cares Advisory Board

March 27, 2019 Meeting Notes

MCAB Members Present: Julia Doherty, Stephen Gammarino, Dr. Travis Gayles, Sybil Greenhut, Sharron Holquin, Lynda Honberg, Peter Lowet, Marie Mann, D. Maria Rice, Langston Smith, Wayne Swann

MCAB Members Absent: Betsy Ballard, Yuchi Huang, T.J. Senker

DHHS Staff: Bob Morrow, Tara Clemons

County Council Staff: Carolyn Chen, Linda McMillan

Primary Care Coalition: Hillery Tumba

Guest: Mark Foraker, Diana Saladini

The Chair, Steve Gammarino, called the meeting to order at 6:21 pm

Item		Action Follow-up	Person Assigned	Due Date
1.	<p>Approval of Minutes – January 23 and February 27, 2019</p> <p>A correction was noted for the February 2019 minutes.</p> <p><i>Moved by Julia Doherty Seconded by Wayne Swann</i> <i>The motion was approved unanimously.</i></p>		Steve Gammarino	
2.	<p>Chair Report</p> <p>Steve stated the primary agenda items were reviewing the FY20 County Council grant applications and the FY20 joint advocacy priorities. Regarding advocacy, the meetings with the Council members have been going well.</p> <p>Steve thanked Dr. Rice for serving as chair during his absence at the February 27th meeting.</p>		Steve Gammarino	
3.	<p>Health Care for the Uninsured Report</p> <p>See Report and handout</p> <p>Tara announced to the Board that the County Executive FY20 recommended Budget was released March 15th and there is a proposed reduction to Maternity Partnership of \$102,050. There were no reductions to the other Health Care for the Uninsured programs.</p>		Tara Clemons	

FY20 County Executive Proposed Budget

- Reduction to MPP - this reduction leaves funding to cover 1,572 women for FY20 (original budget for FY9 covered 1,702 women). We are projected to serve 1,500 -1,500 women given the current utilization. Program staff is concerned that the decrease drastically limits the number of women that can be seen.
- Other changes to the budget were related to staff increases/reductions, contractual changes, employee benefits etc.

Monthly Status Report (see handout)

Tara reviewed the data for the Health Care for the Uninsured programs:

- **Montgomery Cares** has served 20,727 patients through February with a total of 47,717 patient visits at the ten participating clinics. Year to date, the clinics have expended 67% of the FY19 budgeted amount for encounters, the benchmark for Feb is 66%.
 - UPDATED Clinic Encounters – for FY19, we are funded at 70,000 encounters and currently projecting 72,200 encounters by years end. This mean an additional \$163,900 dollars potentially needed if the utilization trend continues (In FY18, the program went over encounters by 4,497 visits.)
 - MCares Eligibility Transition Meeting – March 28th
 - Holy Cross Gaithersburg has moved to a new space at 220 Perry Pkwy #5, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.
- **Care for Kids Program** has enrolled 812 new children from July through February. We continue to see a higher number of new enrollees compared to last year by 21%. We are correlating this directly with the increased enrollment of enrollment of children at Rocking Horse (MCPS Enrollment center). Rocking Horse reported that January, February and March, were unprecedented enrollment volumes that they haven't experience in 2 years.
- **Maternity Partnership Program** enrollment through February was 960 teens and women, a -8% decrease in overall enrollment compared with this time last year. The program is exploring alternative Dental options giving the current wait-time.
- **Dental Services** has served 3,905 patients through February and provided 4,646 patient encounters at our clinics. The average wait time is between 11 - 13 weeks. The program is facing challenges with the contract staff, a hygienist who worked full-time recently resigned. HHS is currently recruiting 2 contract hygienist and a Dentist.
- The **Homeless Health** program has had a total of 139 patient visits through February, a -17% decrease over this time last year. Hypothermia season will end March 31st. (Hypothermia season is the period between Nov 1st – Mar. 31st, when the temperature is below 32 degrees all persons experiencing homelessness must be housed)

	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members questioned is there a wait-time difference for hygienist appointment vs. an appointment with the Dentist. Tara replied that she would ask the program staff. 				
4.	<p>FY20 County Council Grants Reviews</p> <p>Tara provided information regarding MCAB member’s decisions and comments on the grants as well as the FY20 County Executive Grant recommendations. The documents provided included a list of community grants that were recommended by the County Executive for organizations affiliated with Montgomery Cares, and a list of the MCAB members’ comments for each of the Council grant applications.</p> <p>Tara stated that the Board would go over the main review points from each reviewed grant and discuss if there were any concerns. If a MCAB member has a conflict of interest, s/he was to leave the room during the discussion.</p> <p>The Board discussed the 19 Council Grant Requests and cast votes of Yes, No and whether to approve the amount requested or a reduced amount. A memo with the Board’s recommendations will be submitted to the Council.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board members expressed their frustration in continuing to support the same grant request year after year. Members are concerned about sustainability funding and concerned about the need for the funding year after year. Board members agreed to discuss the grants process during April’s MCAB meeting. 	Tara Clemons	Compile grant recommendations and submit to Council staff	Tara Clemons	April 2019
5.	<p>FY20 Advocacy Updates</p> <p>Lynda and Dr. Smith shared the Dental Committee would not be submitting any advocacy request for County Dental Services. The committee did not receive enough information to support an advocacy request.</p> <p>Quality Review (\$70,000) – the funding will support a quality review for CFK in FY20. Marie questioned would Quality Improvement will be implemented with review of the program? Hillery shared that their hoping to mirror the review process for Montgomery Cares</p>	Lynda Honberg			
6.	<p>April 2019 Agenda & Next Steps</p> <p>The next meeting will be April 24, 2019.</p>	Steve Gammarino			
7.	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm</p> <p><i>Motion to adjourn: Langston Smith</i> <i>Seconded: Sybil Greenhut</i></p>				

	<i>Unanimously approved</i>			
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Respectfully submitted,

Tara Clemons
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